

A Charitable Shopping Spree

It looked like employee Mildred Sweetie, K mart 3394, Eagleville, Pennsylvania, was doing shopping for her grandchildren before she started work. Personnel Manager Joan Hepple noticed Mildred's shopping spree and asked if the clothes were for her grandchildren.

Mildred modestly said that the clothing was for some needy neighbor children that she knows.

A little further investigation found that Mildred has been doing deeds like this for a long time.

"I have worked with missionary people for years," Mildred says.

"There are two young children in the family across the road from me who were really in need of many things. So I took them to Sunday school one Sunday and also got some food from the church for their family."

"Then I told a deacon at the church that I needed money to buy some clothing for these children. He said to take \$100. So with that money I bought a coat, jacket, trousers, shoes and shirts for each child. The clothing was much needed."

Joan says that Mildred is always cheerful, always helpful and full of cheery quips that make someone's day or at least give them something good to think about.

"I've done this work for a long time and have been rewarded so many times for it," Mildred says.

Mildred works in conjunction with her church, the Upper Berks Baptist Church in King of Prussia.

Breakfast for 100

Who in the world would want to invite 100 preschoolers to breakfast? K mart 7415, Springfield, Virginia would and did.

For Easter, Store Manager L.B. Uno and his cafeteria staff invited 100 children from the Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA) day care center to enjoy the 99¢ children's breakfast and chat with the Easter Bunny.

Then, each child was treated to a small Easter basket made from small, green berry cartons filled with Easter grass, painted eggs and a hard boiled egg, made by the staff.

"We sent out many letters to various groups saying that we have an Easter Bunny available for breakfast as a way of promoting goodwill and increasing sales," Uno says. "We had a very good response."

The children, who come from low to moderate income families with working parents, really delighted in the attention and the delicious breakfast.

There are 24 churches in the Annandale-Baileys Crossroads area who participate in ACCA day care. The churches contribute about 20 percent of the cost of caring for each child. Donations of volunteer time and equipment are also received. The children are fed breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack and are provided an elaborate educational program, which is designed to prepare them for success in public schools.



Maureen, McGruff, Teach Crime Prevention

McGruff the Crime Prevention Dog is Maureen Antognoli's frequent companion. When she isn't working part-time as a jewelry clerk at K mart 4322, Kankakee, Illinois, she is chairperson for the Crime Prevention Committee of Kankakee Junior Women's Club.

Maureen feels that it is important to reach young children and make them aware of what crime prevention means.

"The club has different positions. By working at K mart, I see a lot of young people get caught shop-

lifting and I became interested in helping. So I volunteered for this job," Maureen says.

She developed a program to introduce McGruff to the Crime Prevention Dog to elementary students in the county. Maureen felt the children would relate to the dog.

McGruff is the symbol for crime prevention and is promoted by the National Crime Prevention Coalition.

With McGruff, Maureen visits classrooms and talks with students about learning to respect others and stresses that shoplifting is a crime.

She also teaches the children how to protect themselves by telling them not to get into a stranger's car and not to open the door if they are home alone.

The Kankakee Junior Women's Club recently won a first place State Award from the Illinois Federation of Women's Club for their crime prevention project.

Singing Ambassador

"Accomplished singer" has now been added to the list of talents that abound among employees at K mart 4433, Quincy, Illinois.

Lynda Sullivan, part-time employee, temporarily traded in her smock for traveling papers that will take her around the world. She was recently accepted into the cast of "Up with People", the internationally acclaimed performing group.

Lynda was selected from a field of 10,000 applicants to join the group of 500 men and women performers

from 20 countries. The group will spend a year traveling over 32,000 miles, helping to spread the message of hope, goodwill among the people of the world through the international language—music.

The competition for acceptance into "Up with People" is stiff and musical talent is only one of the criteria used for selection. Attitude, motivation, goals, communication skills and a desire to make a positive contribution to society are all heavily weighted when screening applicants.

When Lynda completes her year of performances, she will return to Northeast Missouri State University to finish her senior year, majoring in secondary mathematics education.